had been writing to the management protesting against initiating disciplinary action against certain corrupt ITDC officials in connivance with Executive Director (V & S), if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether it is a fact that ED (V & S) has refused to transfer or initiate disciplinary proceedings against the DGM (Security) for having misbehaved/abused the CMD at his office in the presence of subordinates; and

(e) what steps are being taken to revamp ITDC security and vigilance ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir, However, an association of officers has been formed in Sept. 93 which is headed by Deputy General Manager (Security) Headquarters.

(b) Yes, Sir. The management has issued a circular order dated 17th October, 94 debarring the officers of vigilance and security division from becoming primary members or contesting elections/ holding position of office bearers of any union/association.

(c) No. such reference has been received.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Certain measures have been considered for revamping Vigilance & Security Departments. These include cadre review; specialised training of the officials and modernisation of security arrangements.

Use of services of private hotels by AI

2543. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is taking the services of some private hotels like Taj Group for supplying food for its flights and hiring rooms for its crew and passengers on higher rates against the services of Centaur hotels and chefair of Hotels Corporation of India.

(b) whether the food by Chefair and Centaur Hotel is sub-standard than private five star hotels; and

(c) if so, what is the difference in rupees between the charges of Taj Groups and Centaur Hotels, for supplying different items of food and rooms rent etc. for Air India ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) The arrangement made for catering and accommodation of passengers and crew by Air India, at Bombay and Delhi are under :

	Bombay	Delhi
Flight Catering . .	(i) Taj Air Caterers (ii) Ambassador sky chef (iii) Chefair	(i) Taj Air Caterers (ii) Chefair
Accomodation for crew/ passengers	(1) Taj Hotel (Rs. 2300 for single bed + applicable taxes) (2) Centaur Hotel (Rs. 1400 for single bed + applicable taxes	(1) Centaur Hotel (Rs. 1100 for single bed + applicable taxes) (2) Hotel Ashok (Rs. 1000 for single bed + applicable taxes (3) Hotel Holiday Inn (Rs. 1662 per day per room including all taxes)

There is no difference in the rate for the food items paid to various flight caterers. However, Air India is of the view that food and service rendered by Chefair is inferior to that of Taj Caterers.

Purchase of new aircrafts for VVIPs

2544. SHRI MOHAMMED FAZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is purchasing or planning to purchase some new aircrafts for VVIPs ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the present aircrafts of Air India are not flying with full feasibility due to shortage of pilots or other